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Friends of Michigan History, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Michigan Historical Museum

Lansing, Michigan

November 9, 2009

Call to Order

President Bus Spaniola called the of the Board of Directors (Board) meeting of the Friends of Michigan History, Inc. (Friends) to order at 10:08 A.M.

Board Members Present: Larry Griffin, John Irwin, Rose Moye, Ralph Sims, Bus Spaniola, Louise Stilwill, Paul Tarr, Tom Truscott, Bill Wellman, and Geneva Wiskemann.

Board Members Absent: Andy Andersen, Adriana Greci Green, Keith Harrison, Richard Johnson, Charles Seeley and Morris Thomas.

Board Members Excused: Andy Andersen, Adriana Greci Green, Keith Harrison, Richard Johnson, Charles Seeley and Morris Thomas.

Michigan Historical Museum (Museum) Staff Present: Martha Bloomfield and Phil Kwiatkowski.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as transmitted; motion passed.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve as transmitted the minutes from the October Board meeting; motion passed.

President's Report

President Spanioa reported that the Veterans Day program was a success. The Membership Drive was discussed. Deposits for membership dues are made at the end of the month with \$16.95 paid to the Michigan Historical Society for the magazine. A letter of thank you was received from Michigan State University for the \$25.00 donation to the Michigan State University Community Music School.

Treasurer's Report

BALANCE	10-1-09		\$7,830.20
DEPOSIT	10-05-09	50.00	
	10-15-09	269.40	
TOTAL		319.40	\$8,149.59

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Treasurer Report Continued

Cashed Checks

1463	Walker Tavern	33.20	
1465	Niel Woodward	300.00	
1466	Roger Miller	250.00	
1467	Tammy Averill	148.91	
1468	Martha Bloomfield	46.55	
1469	MSU/CMU	<u>25.00</u>	
	TOTAL	803.66	\$7,345.93

BALANCE	10-31-09		\$7,345.93
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Uncashed Checks

1464	MI Oral History	500.00	\$6,845.93
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Benevolent Fund \$ 50.00

A motion was made and seconded to approve, as transmitted, the Treasurer's report for the period October 1 – October 30, 2009; motion passed.

Presentation of Bills

No bills that were not otherwise previously approved were presented.

Museum Report

Martha Bloomfield indicated that she had nothing else to report that was not already discussed during the President's Report.

Committee Reports

A. *2009 Veterans Day Program Committee. (Paul Tarr and Larry Griffin – Co chairs):* Paul Tarr indicated that the program was a great success. A suggestion was made for next year that the Tuskee Airmen be invited to participate.

B. *Membership Committee (Keith Harrison – Chair).* No report.

C. *Board Nominating Committee (Charles Seeley and Tom Truscott).* No report.

D. *Magazine/Military Committee (Paul Tarr – Chair).* No report.

E. *Grants Committee (Adriana Greci Green - Chair).* No report.

F. *Newsletter Committee (Paul Tarr and Bill Wellman, Co-chairs).* Deadline is January 8, 2010 if you would like to contribute information to be included in the next newsletter.

G. *Fund Raising Committee (Bus Spaniola - Chair).* President Spaniola mentioned as a possible fundraiser Music from WWII, Dr. Walden Petz "Swing."

H. *Calendar (2011) Committee (Tom Truscott & Rose Moye, Co-chairs).* This activity was not pursued at the present time.

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I. Byalws (Paul Tarr – Chair). No report.

Old Business

A. *IRS Group Exemption Application Status.* There has been no notification regarding the Friends' letter application to the Internal Revenue Service for a Group Exemption Number.

New Business

Mark Harvey, State Archivist mentioned that the Archives Research is moving to the 2nd floor, and the Archive Learning Center – private donation is complete. Mark also mentioned possibly selling Michigan images online – Seeking Michigan.

Phil Kwiatkowski mentioned that the transition has started into the Department of Natural Resources. The state is forecasting a 20 percent budget reduction for 2011 and looking for new streams of revenue.

Homelessness Exhibit is traveling throughout the state.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Rose Moye

Rose Moye, Secretary Pro temp
Board of Directors
Friends of Michigan History, Inc.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, December 14, 2009, in Lansing.